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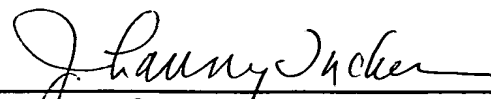
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	4,584,267	04-22-1986	Masukawa et al.			
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	USSN 10/193,443, filed 7/11/2003, titled Black-And-White Aqueous Photothermographic Materials Containing Mercaptotriazole Toners, by Lynch et al.
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